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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Yes, I have been a customer since late 2004

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2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Not only do I live on a fixed income, I live on a fluctuating income. Although disabled, I do not receive any assistance from social security disability. I have been denied benefits several times. Therefore, I make my living doing freelance income tax preparation and occasional bookkeeping. Since most of this work is seasonal, I am never sure when I will take in income. So this excessive utilities costs are literally putting a major strain on my budget. In fact, if had it not been for housing assistance and food stamps, I would be homeless and starving by now.

I became disabled at the age of three years old from an accident. I lost my right leg above the knee. I have been largely self-sufficient most of my life. Now I am in need of medical care and mobility devices to assist with my being able to take care of myself. Not only is employment in my area slow; my prosthetic limb needs to be replaced making it difficult for me to travel to an from an area to seek employment.

Therefore, I have no medical insurance at the moment. Also, government cutbacks is causing delays in getting assistance from local agencies. I haven't been able to get medical treatment going on three years since I have to gave what I had set aside for medical expenses to the utility company. This madness has got to stop. My electricity usage is normally \$20-\$35 a month but I am asked to pay \$130 or more for my household. If there is no change soon, I may need to seek legal counsel.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

A definite YES.

Blondie Dantzler

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I am so disgusted by this; no wonder folks are just not trusting our government these days. It seems the corporations, banks, insurance, cable, phone, gas and now electricity companies are allowed to charge any rate they want without any accountability on the part of our elected officials. And of course, the elderly and disabled are left out in the cold; because too often we are the group that is too weak to effectively fight back. Then they parade their profit margins in our faces to let us know just by how much they are robbing us. How can there be a recession if these companies are reporting record profits that are higher than pre-recession profits? Doesn't quite add up, huh?